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A WOUNDED NAME

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CHAPTER I.

The stagecoach was invisible in a cloud of its own dust as it lurched and rolled along the alkali flats down the valley, and Sancho, the ranchkeeper, could not make out whether any passengers were on top or not. He had brought a fine binocular to bear just as soon as the shrill voice of Pedro, a swarthy little scamp of a half breed, announced the *diligencia* closing in the clamp of willows below the bend.

Pedro was not the youngster's original name, and, so far as could be determined by ecclesiastical records, owing to the omission of the customary church ceremonies he bore none than the chaplain at old Camp Cooke would admit to be Christian. Itinerant prospectors and occasional soldiers, however, had suggested a change from the original—or aboriginal—title, which was Seshanish in the last degree, to the much briefer one of Pedro as fitting accompaniment to that of the illustrious head of the establishment, and Lieutenant Blake, an infantry sub with cavalry aspirations which had led him to seek arduous duties in this arid land, had comprehensively damned the pretensions of the place to being a "dinner ranch" by declaring that a dog that held Sancho and Pedro and didn't have game was unworthy of patronage.

Sancho had additional reasons for disapproving of Blake. That fine binocular, to begin with, bore the brand of Uncle Sam, for which reason it was never in evidence when an officer or soldier happened along. It had been abstracted from Blake's signal kit when he was scouting the Dragoon mountains and swapped for the vilest liquor under the sun at Sancho's, of course, and the value of the glass, not of the whisky, was stopped against the long lieutenant's pay, leaving him, as he ruefully put it, "short enough at the end of the month."

Somebody told Blake he would find his binocular at Sancho's, and Blake instituted inquiries after his own peculiar fashion the very best time he happened along that way.

"Here, you Castilian castaway," said he as he alighted at Sancho's door. "I am told you have stolen property in the shape of my signal glass. Hand it over instanter!"

And Sancho, bowing with the grace of a grandee of Spain, having assured the senor teniente that everything within his gates was at his service, without money and without price, had promptly fetched from an adjoining room a battered old double barreled fowgeette that looked as though it might have been dropped in the desert by Kearny or Fauntleroy or some of the dragoons who made the burning march before the Gadsden purchase of 1853 made impossible more of mere desert sand and desolate range than we have ever known what to do with.

"This thing came out of the ark," said Blake, rightfully wrathful. "What I want is the signal glass that deserter sold you for whisky last Christmas."

Whereat Sancho called on all the saints in the Spanish calendar to bear witness to his innocence and hade the teniente search the premises.

"He's got it in that bedroom yonder," whispered old Sergeant Feeney, "and I know it, sir," and Blake, striding to the door in response to the half challenge, half invitation, of the gravely courteous earthnut owner, stopped short at the threshold, stared, whipped off his scouting hat and, bowing low, said, "I beg your pardon, senora, senorita; I did not know," and retired in much disorder.

"Why didn't you tell me your family had come, you disreputable old rip," demanded he two minutes later, "or is that, too—stolen property?"

"It is the wife of my brother and his daughter," responded the ranchman, with unruffled suavity.

Nothing could equal Sancho's equanimity in the presence of those he deemed to placate, nothing exceed the frenzy of his wrath when angered by those whom he could harm without fear of reprisals. Blake was backed by a troop of horse and the conviction that Sancho was an unmitigated rascal; therefore were his palpable allusions to be accepted as mere pleasantries or deprecated as unmerited injustice.

Blake had blackened the character of the ranch cuisine, even if he had been unequal to the task of blackening that of the owner. Blake had declared Sancho's homestead to be a den of thieves and the repast rendered the stage passengers a Barnacle feast, the purport of which was duly reported to Sancho, who "allowed" he would ultimately carve his opinion of Blake on that officer's elongated carcass, and until he could find opportunity so to do it behooved him to dull the suspicions of the prospective victim by elaborate courtesy of manner, and of this is the Spaniard or his Mexican half brother consummate master.

Blake left without a glimpse of his glass, but not without another of "the daughter of my brother," but recently arrived, and that peep made him desirous of a third. Riding away, he waved his hand.

"Adios, Sancho! Hasta otra vista!" he had hailed, but his gaze sought the little window in the adobe wall where a pair of dark, languorous eyes peered out from between the parted curtains and a dusky face dodged out of view the instant it was seen.

What Sancho said in answer is not recorded, but now he was watching the coming of the stage from Yuma. Some one had warned him Lieutenant Blake would return that way, ordered back to the old post, to the north, as witness before an important court martial.

Those were later termed "the days of the empire" in Arizona. Perhaps 5,000 souls were counted within its borders at the time our story opens, not counting the soulless Apaches. Arizona had the customary territorial equipment of a governor and certain other officials. Nine men out of the dozen Americans in the only approach to a town it then possessed—Tucson—would have said "Dunno" if asked who was the secretary, but all men knew the sheriff. The grave, cigarro smoking, senor attended caballeros who rode at will through the plaza and ogled dark eyed maidens peeping from their barred windows could harbor no interest in the question of who was president of the United States, but the name of the post commander at Grant, Lowell or Crittenden was a household word, and in the eyes of the populace the second lieutenant commanding the paymaster's escort was infinitely "a bigger man" than the three distinguished soldier and citizen whose sole business it was to that time was the flagstaff at the adobe corral and barracks sacred to his name.

Mr. Blake had never been in such a God forsaken country or community before, but there was something in the utter isolation, the far stretching waste of shimmering sand, the desolate mountain ranges sharply outlined, hostile and foreboding, the springless, strawless, verdureless plains of this scrubby land, that commenced with the somewhat arable and pastoral luxury in which he had sought service in the most intolerable clime then open to the troops of Uncle Sam. Blake had been jilted and took it bitterly to heart. Wearing the willow himself, he cherished it as the only green and growing thing in the Gila valley, whereas had he sought sympathy he would have found other young gentlemen similarly decorated, and therefore as content as he to spend the months or possibly years of their embittered life just as far from the madding crowd and, as Blake cynically put it, "as near hell."

Blake was a man of distinction, as relatives went, and these were days when friends at court had more to do with a fellow's sphere of duty—very much more—than had the regimental commander or even the adjutant general. Blake took Arizona in preference to a tour in the signal office at Washington. He wanted to get as far away from the national capital and the favorite haunt of "the army and navy forever" as he possibly could. It was the most natural thing in the world to him that he should ask for duty in the land of deserts, centipeds, rattlesnakes and Apaches. He put it on the ground of a serious bronchial trouble which could

"Adios, Sancho! Hasta otra vista!"

be cured only in a dry climate, but the war office knew as well as the navy department that it was an affair of the heart and not of the throat.

He wasn't the first man by any manner of means to fall in love with Madeleine Terrance, the prettiest girl and most unprincipled flirt that ever wore the fancy bottom or tormented a sailor father. Blake sought the toughest duty, that of escorting inspectors, staff officers or paymasters on their wearisome trips through the wilderness, and no one denied him. The cavalry was short of officers, and he got assigned to Sanford's troop, and the biggest surprise that had come since his commission met him one day at Gila Bend when that same old red stage, a relic of California days, emerged from the dust cloud of its own manufacture and a quiet youth in pepper and salt and mind colored costume looked up from behind a pair of green goggles and said, "Hello, Blake!"

It was the voice, not the face, that the tall trooper recognized.

"Well—of—all—the—why, what in the name of Pegasus brings you here, Loring? I thought you had graduated into the engineers."

"Exact," said the newcomer sententiously.

"Well, what's an engineer doing in Arizona? I'd as soon look for an archbishop."

"Scouting," said the dust colored man. "Where's dinner?"

"In the shack yonder, if your stomach's copper lined. Better come over to my camp and take pot luck there."

Which Loring gladly did and then went on his dusty way, leaving Blake with something to think of besides his own woes. Within half a year of his graduation from West Point the young engineer, one of the stars of his class, had been ordered to report to the general commanding the division of the Pacific and was set to work on a military map in that general's office. Loring found all maps of Arizona to be vagues and incomplete and was ordered forthwith to go to the territory and gather in the needed data. That he, too, should be luckless never for a moment occurred to his comrade of the line. Hard-earth facts had been confessed among the exiles of these days many a comradeship of the far frontier would have been strengthened.

That the girl who doped Gerald Blake should have been known to her

Several personal letters fell to the ground,

who had captivated Mr. Loring was suspected by neither officer at the time, and that despite the efforts and the retaliation of both men both women were destined to reappear upon the stage and temporarily, at least, to narrow their would have admitted possible. Yet stranger things had happened, and stranger still were destined to happen, and the first step in the drama was taken within the fortnight of this chance meeting at Gila Bend.

Sancho, studying the coming stage with Blake's binocular until it dived into the *arroyo* 500 yards to the west, handed that costly instrument to the silent, dumpy, dark skinned woman who stood patiently at his side and said briefly "Dos," at which she vanished, and after restoring the glass to its hiding place in her bedroom was heard uplifting a shrill, raucous voice at the back of the house ordering dinner to be ready for two. When the vehicle came rattling up to the door, Sancho stood at his threshold, the old *lerguette* in hand, bowing profoundly as two travelers, officers of the army apparently, emerged in their dusters and stiffly alighted.

"Have any letters or dispatches been left here for me?" asked in quiet tone the elder of the two, limping slightly as he advanced, leaving to his comrade the responsibility of seeing that none of their luggage had been jolted out of the rickety vehicle.

Out on the two bridges on came languidly yet inquisitively within earshot. For answer the ranchkeeper, with an other elaborate bow, produced a bulky official envelope. The officer glanced at the superscription, said, "This is for me," strode within the adobe walled corral, halted under a screen of brown canvas and there tore open the packet.

Several personal letters fell to the ground, but he paid at first little heed to them. Rapidly his eyes ran over a sheet of closely written matter; then he turned to the silent and ceremonious ranchman.

"When did this come?" he asked.

"At sunset yesterday, senor comandante."

"Where's the courier?"

"He returned before dawn today."

The loungers drew still nearer as the senior calmly turned to his companion, who, having assured himself that their impedimenta were all safe, came with quick, springy step to join him.

"Where do you suppose Blake and his detachment to be at this moment, Loring?"

"Perhaps 30 miles ahead, sir, over toward Maricopa. Do you need him, colonel?"

"Yes, and at once. Our bird has flown. In other words, Nevins has skipped."

CHAPTER II.

Just what an officer's actual rank might be in the days that followed close on the heels of the war was a matter no man could tell from either his dress or address. Few indeed were they who escaped the deluge of brevets that poured over the army and soaked some men six deep.

There were well authenticated cases of well preserved persons who had never so much as seen a battle and were yet, on one pretext or another, brevetted away up among the stars for "faithful and meritorious service" recruiting, mustering or disbursing.

We had colonels by title whose functions were purely those of the file closer. We had generals by brevet who had never set squadron in the field and didn't know the difference between a pale yule and a pedometer.

Every captain, except one of two who had haughtingly declined, wore the straps of a field officer, some few even of generals, and so when one heard a military lackingnam addressed as colonel the chances were ten to one that he was clerking only the stepend of a subpany officer, and in matters of actual rank in the army it was money that talked.

But there could be no questioning the right of the senior of the two officers who had alighted at Sancho's to the title of colonel. Soldier stood out all over him, even though his garb was concealed by a nondescript duster. His face, lined, thin lipped and resolute, was tanned by desert suns and winds. His hair, once brown, was almost white. His beard, once flowing and silky, was cropped to a gray stubble. His steely blue eyes snapped under their heavy thatch. His head was carried high and well back, and his soft, felt hat, wide brimmed, was pulled down over the brows. His deep chest, square shoulders, erect carriage and straight, muscular legs all told of days and years in the field, and every word he uttered had about it the crisp, clear cut ring of command.

It was safe to bet that no mere company was the extent of this soldier's authority, and Sancho, keen observer, had put him down for a lieutenant colonel at least. Full colonels were mostly older men, and Arizona had but one in "the days of the empire."

The ranchman had eagerly whispered questions to the loungers as to the identity of the two arrivals, but without success. Both were strangers, although the junior had been seen at the ranch once before, the day Blake's troop was camped there on the way back from the Dragoons. There was the packet left by the orderly to be called for by officers arriving on the Yuma stage, addressed in *clerkly* hand, but Sancho, alas, could not read.

Hovering as near as the gravity and dignity of his station would permit, he had heard the colonel's query about Blake. He pricked up his ears at once. Teniente Blake—thirty miles east on the Maricopa road! Why, how was this? Some one had told him Blake had been to the Colorado and was coming back by this very stage. How did Blake get to the east of Sancho's ranch, after having once gone west, without Sancho's knowing it?

Suspiciously he watched the two soldiers, the grizzled colonel, the slim lieutenant. They were talking together in low tone; at least the colonel was talking eagerly, energetically and with much gesticulation. The junior listened wordless to every word. What had he meant by "the bird had flown?" Why should Nevins "skip?" An unpleasant fear seized upon Sancho. He knew Nevins, at least a Nevins, a captain whom everybody knew in fact and few men trusted. What had Nevins been doing, or rather what that he had been doing was he to be held to account for? Why should the colonel so eagerly ask where they could reach Blake?

Time was when Sancho flattered himself there was no devilry going on in Arizona, except such as originated with the Indians, in which he had not at least the participation of full knowledge, yet here came two officials, hastening by stage instead of marching with military deliberation and escort, and they were in quest of the Senor Capitan Nevins, of whom all men had heard and of whose hands many had suffered, for was not he a player whom the very cards seemed to obey?

Was it not he who broke the bank at Bustamente's during the fiesta at Tucson but five months agone? Was it not Nevins who won all the money those two young tenientes possessed, two boys from the far east just joining their regiments and hopelessly falling into the hands of this dashing, dapper, whole souled, hospitable comrade, who made his temporary quarters their home until they could find opportunity to go forward to the distant posts where their respective companies were stationed? Was it not Nevins who, right there at Sancho's ranch, finding a party of prospectors, several ex-Confederate soldiers among them, languidly staking silver at the monte table presided over by Sancho's own brother, had calmly opened a faro layout and enticed every man from the legitimate game and every peso from their pockets before the two days' session was finished?

Well did Sancho recall his own wrath and that of his brother at this unlicensed interference with their special business and the surprising liberality, too, with which the senor capitan had silenced their remonstrance. Rascal though he was, Sancho had sense enough to know that such proceedings were not seemly in a man bearing the commission of an officer, but Sancho little knew how many a congressman along at the close of the war, finding himself compelled to provide some kind of living for political "heelers" or some impersonal reward for services rendered, had jointed his henchmen into the army, then being enlarged and reorganized, and Nevins was one of the results of the inquitorian system.

Commissioned a first lieutenant of a regiment that had had a proud record in the regular division of the Army of the Potomac and had been hurried at the close of the war to the Pacific coast, Nevins had joined at Fort Yuma and served a few weeks' apprenticeship as a file closer, just long enough to demonstrate that he knew nothing whatever about soldiering and too much about poker. All his seniors in grade, except the West Pointers graduated in 1865, had brevets for war service, and Nevins's sponsor was appealed to to rectify the omission in the lieutenant's case. Nevins had held a commission in a volunteer regiment in the defenses of Washington the last few months of the war, and that was found amply sufficient, when a prominent member of the committee on military affairs demanded it, to warrant the bestowal of a brevet for "gallant and meritorious service;" hence came the title of captain.

Then, as company duty proved irksome and Nevins' company and post commander both began to stir him up for his manifold negligences and ignorances, the aid of his patron in congress was again invoked. A crippled veteran who could do no field service was in charge of a supply camp for scouting parties, escorts, detachments, etc., and, to the wrath of the regimental officers, this veteran was relieved and Lieutenant and Brevet Captain Nevins, by department orders, was detailed in his place. This made him independent of almost everybody, besides placing in his hands large quantities of commissary and quartermaster stores, which were worth far more to the miner, prospector and commuter than their invoice price. The stories that began to come into Yuma and Drum barracks and other old time stations of the "high jinks" going on day and night at Nevins' camp, the orders for liquors, cigars and supplies received at San Francisco and filled by every stage or steamer, the lavish entertainment accorded to officers of any grade and to wayfarers with any sign of money, the complaints of victims who had been fleeced, the gloomy silence of certain fledgeling subalterns after brief visits at "Camp Ochre," as Blake had dubbed it, all pointed significantly to but one conclusion—that, so far from living on his pay, Nevins was garnering on that of everybody else and doubtless "raising the wind" in other ways at the expense of Uncle Sam.

Even in Arizona in the days of the empire it couldn't last forever. *Easy come, easy go.* Nevins had lavishly spent what was so lightly won. Tucson and Yuma City were within easy stage ride; even San Francisco had twice been found accessible. Dashing associates of both sexes were ever at hand. The sudden turn of the tide came with the order that broke up the supply camp, required him to turn over his funds and stores to the quartermaster at Camp Cooke and report for duty in person at that post.

Then came the expected discovery of grievous shortages in both funds and property, the order for the arrest of the delinquent officer and his trial by court martial. Colonel Turnbull, inspector general of the department, was hurried out from the shores of the Pacific to sit as one of senior members of the court. Lieutenant Loring, vainly striving along the Gila to find some resemblance between its tracing on a government map and its meanderings through the desert, was selected to perform the duties of judge advocate.

The court was authorized to sit without regard to hours and to sift the official career of the protege of the house committee of military affairs without

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regard to consequences, when the volatile and accused person took matters into his own hands and between the setting and rising of the sun disappeared from the brush, canvas and adobe shelters of old Camp Cooke and left for parts unknown, taking with him the best horse in the commanding officer's stable and, as genius has ever its followers, the admiration if not the regard of much of the garrison.

But other followers were needed at once. "That man must be caught at any cost, Loring," said the colonel. "No one begins to know the extent of his rascalities, and you and Blake must catch him."

For answer the engineer took out his watch—it was just 12:45—stepped out into the glare of the sunshine and gazed to the far horizon. The plain to the east was flat as a board for many a mile and well nigh as barren. Then he turned abruptly to Sancho. "Dinner ready?" he asked.

"In one, two minutes, senor capitan," responded the ranchman gravely, conferring on the officer the brevet of courtesy.

Out in front of the ranch the old red stage, long since faded to a dun color, stood baking in the burning rays. The mules had been taken into the corral for water, fodder and shade. The driver was regaling himself within the bar. A few loungers, smoking, but silent, seemed dozing the noontide away. Loring stepped to the side of the vehicle and drew forth a leather valise, swung it to his shoulder and strode back to where the colonel stood pondering under the canvas screen.

"Good batting power in that right arm of his," muttered one of the loungers to a mate sprawled full length on the sand beneath the shelter of a tent fly and watching the officer from under his half closed lids. A grunt of assent was the only reply.

"I know what regiment he belongs to!" queried No. 1.

"No, but it's cavalry," was the murmured answer; "saw him straddling a broncho at Maricopa Wells last week. He knows how."

Somewhere within the ranch a tri angle began to jangle. "Quina-a-do!" shrilled little Pedro, and three or four lazy, drowsing forms began slowly to get to their feet and to shuffle away toward the doorless aperture in the adobe wall, the entrance to the dining room of the stage and ranch people. Two men lingered, the two who were speculating as to the military complexions of the young officer. One of these after a quiet glance about the neighborhood, strolled out toward the stage, hands deep in the pockets of his wide trousers. There he seemed casually to repeat his leisurely survey of the surroundings. Then he lounged back.

"No go," said he in low tone; "both of 'em there yet; young feller changing his dress. Their dinner's ready, though. The colonel's writing."

Presently Sancho, grave and deliberate, as became his race, emerged from the shadows of the bar and came close before he spoke.

"He goes to ride—that youth. Know you whither? And he has no horse."

And, as though to confirm this statement, with his quick *elastic step Loring* came forth to the side gate, dumped his valise into the stage, turned and looked keenly over the group, then, as quickly approached them. He had discarded his linen coat and trousers in favor of a pair of brown cord breeches, with Hualpai leggings and light spurs. A broad belt, with knife and revolvers, was buckled to his waist. A silk handkerchief was loosely knotted at his throat. A light colored felt hat was pulled down to his eyebrows, and dust colored gauntlets were drawn upon his hands. "Sancho," said he, "have that roan of yours saddled in ten minutes. How much if I keep him a week?"

"Everything in my house is at the service of the senor capitan," began Sancho grandiloquently, "but as to that horse"—

"No other will do. How much a week? Though I may keep him only a day."

"Senor, he is the horse of my brother, and my brother is not here. If harm should come"—

"Full value will be paid. Here," and a glittering goldpiece, a double eagle, flashed in the sun. "Waste no talk now. Take this and saddle him."

Slowly, gingerly, with thumb and finger tips the ranchman plucked the coin from the open and extended palm, then bowed with the same native grace and gravity.

"Come, Loring," growled the colonel impatiently, "dinner," and Sancho caught the name.

"The Senor Loreeng—will not ride him hard—or far? It is to the camp of the major he goes?"

But, turning on his heel, not another word would Loring say. Ten minutes later, his hunger appeased with bacon, frijoles and chocolate, he mounted and rode quietly away eastward until Sancho's ranch was two miles behind, then gave the roan both rein and spur and sped like the wind up the Gila, two of Sancho's oldest customers vainly lashing on his trail.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

EDITOR MINER:—You are authorized to announce my name as a candidate for the nomination of County Commissioner, subject to the rules governing the Republican party.

ALBERT PETERSON.

KANE, PA., Jan'y 2, 1899.

QUAY'S trial will commence February 20th.

NO United States Senator elected at Harrisburg yet.

THE MINER is under obligations to Hon. C. W. Stone for favors rendered.

W. A. CLARK, one of the wealthiest men in the West, was elected to the United States Senate by the legislature of Montana last Saturday.

EFFORTS are being put forth to have attorneys wear gowns while practicing before the courts. This would be a ridiculous innovation. It looks bad enough to see several able jurists sitting on the bench gowned like a lot of old women, but it would be the height of folly to see a lawyer gesticulating before a jury, togged out in this ancient costume.

THE Quay adherents are very free in denominating the anti-Quay Republicans as assistant Democrats, yet these same Quay Republicans are hobnobbing with Democrats at Harrisburg to secure the assistance of thirteen Democrats to re-elect Senator Quay. They will make any kind of an alliance with Democrats that help Quay out of his dilemma. They are the last people in the world who ought to talk of assistant Democrats.—Ex.

DURING the past week Lebanon county has been a counter attraction to the Senatorial battle going on at Harrisburg. Senator Gobin, from that district as Lieut. Governor, failed to resign in time to allow a Senator from that district being elected last November. The Quay and anti Quay Republicans have each presented their candidates for the nomination and the fight which takes place at the primaries to-morrow night will be a bitter one to the end. Eminent speakers from other counties will speak on the question, even M. S. Quay will enter the arena and try to induce the voters to support him. It is dollars to buttons that he will be defeated as the Republicans of that county have kept a close watch on Lieut. Governor Gobin's arbitrary rulings at the joint sessions of the two Houses in his efforts to re-elect Quay. This will be a fight to win, the battle is on and may the voters of old Lebanon place the honor of the Republican party above boss rule.

THERE are some members of the legislature who will never be heard of again after they go home from final adjournment. They are looking their last on the legislative halls as law makers, for the swift vengeance of their constituents will settle them because they did not bow to the will of the majority and elect the caucus nominee of the Republican party for United States Senator—Matthew Stanley Quay.—Harrisburg Telegraph.

What rot. Because a Member of Assembly refused to put on the Quay collar he is to be defeated. The Telegraph is either wilfully blind or is unable to discern the predominating sentiment throughout the State. Because a man possesses sufficient honor to place State and party above a boss under indictment, he is to be shelved. The Telegraph is mistaken in its assertions that these Assemblymen have looked their last on the legislative halls as law makers. The people of their districts will honor them for their integrity and return them to the legislature with largely increased majorities.

AN EXCELLENT SELECTION.

The Kane Republican of Monday in a long editorial speaking of the vacancy on the Supreme Court bench, caused by the death of Justice H. W. Williams, thus presents the claims of the northwest in terse and forcible language to Governor Stone for his consideration. The MINER heartily voices the sentiment of Col. Rogers and trusts that Governor Stone will see his way clear to make the appointment:

For eleven years past a gentleman has presided at the courts in this county who has made a record of the high est character in solving legal questions and dispensing justice. His opinions are seldom reversed and that he would fill a position on the Supreme Court bench with great credit cannot be questioned. He is in the prime of life and his stalwart Republicanism dates from the hour his arm was shot off by rebel bullets at Fredericksburg. The man referred to is Judge Thos. A. Morrison and without his knowledge we commend him to Gov. Stone for the vacancy on the Supreme bench created by the death of Judge Williams. That appointment would give extreme satisfaction in all the northwestern counties. It is rumored that the Governor contemplates the appointment of D. T. Watson, the eminent Democratic lawyer of Pittsburg. It does not seem probable as that city is already represented on the bench.

THUS INDIAN CORN.

Three or four years since an Indian mound in Arkansas was being excavated, when an earthen jar was found hermetically sealed that contained a small quantity of grains of indian corn. Some of the grains were the next year planted in Missouri and several bushels raised. On the top of the mound from which the jar was dug out a large tree four feet in diameter was growing, and it is thought the corn lay buried about 3,000 years. Squire James L. Neal, one of the most prosperous and progressive farmers, sent and procured a small quantity of the corn, paying over two cents a grain. This he planted last year but the yield was small on account of the drouth. He saved enough, however, to get a good patch this year. He has used it for roasting ears, and says it is the best he ever had. The ears are not large, but grow two or three on a single stalk. The one thing peculiar about this corn is its color, or, rather, colors. On the same cob are grains of different colors and in the row you can find an ear that is white, another blood red, one salmon color and another perfectly black.—Hawesburg, Ky., Sayings.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30, 1899.

President McKinley will not receive the findings of the Eagan court-martial for several days yet, as it is customary for the Secretary of war to refer the findings of the court-martial to the Judge Advocate General for a legal review before fowarding it to the President. There is no doubt that the findings was guilty on both counts. This finding may be approved, set aside, or mitigated. While the opinion that Eagan deserves punishment is general, there are a few who think, in view of his long and honorable service, that it should be as severe as dismissal from the army.

There has been a decided change in the attitude of the "anties" since the Senate agreed to vote on the treaty Feb. 6. Instead of talking of rejecting the treaty of peace, as they were doing a week ago, they are now begging the supporters of the treaty to let them down easy, by having the Senate adopt a meaningless resolution declaring that the treaty does not bind the U. S. to permanent retention of the Philippines, something that everybody already knows. There would be just as much sense in adopting a resolution declaring that the treaty did not bind us to lick Spain again. The treaty will be ratified. That is now considered to be an absolute certainty.

There is not the slightest foundation for the sensational reports sent from Washington about the administration being worried over the antics of Agoncillo, the agent of Aguinaldo, at Washington, who has been doing some fool talking in the newspapers and elsewhere. Secretary Hay is authority for the statement that Agoncillo's name has never been called at a cabinet meeting, and that President McKinly has never even had his attention called to the presence of the little Filipino in Washington, except by the newspapers.

Representative Cousins of Iowa in a speech in favor of the Hull army bill, which will be voted upon and passed, to-morrow by the House, paid his respects to those who have expressed so *much fear* of the necessary increase in the regular army. He said: "I have not lived long enough to learn anything of the history of the exploits of American soldiery or of their service, *to justify the suspicion* which is cast upon the institution known as the regular army of the United States, by the imputation that it could ever be used as a menance to the liberties of American citizenship. Does the history of valor and glory in the Revolution prompt the gentlemen of the minority and of the opposition to warn America against American soldiery? Does the *record of the regulars*, led by General Jackson, at New Orleans, fill the hearts of the gentlemen with fear and apprehension for the safety of our citizens? Does Chepultepec send warning even into *modern* Washington? Did there ever issue from the lips now closed in everlasting love and fame in that silent mausoleum by the Hudson, any word of menace to a future citizen, *any thought* save peace, any oracle save liberty and union? God spare a grateful country and an admiring world from any doubt about the matchless magnanimity of Appomattox. In all the years of toil and strife and victory that make the history of our republic great, the regular army has been its shield and buckler."

No speech made on the Philippine question has contained more common sense or a plainer statement of the actual situation than that made by Senator Platt of New York, the first he has made during his present term in the Senate. His arraignment of the Senators who are largely responsible for Aguinaldo's bumptious position follows: "There are reasons why the natives of those islands, after their ex *perience with Spanish misrule, should* misunderstand the presence at Manila of an American army, but there is no reason why an American Senator should misunderstand it, and no justification of his course in misrepresenting it. He knows that there is no American in all this broad land who wishes any other fate to a single native of the Philippine Islands than his free *enjoyment of a prosperous* life. He knows that close in the wake of American rule, there would come to the Filipinos a liberty that they have never known, and a far greater liberty *than they could ever have under the* arrogant rule of a native dictator."

There has been much talk about the plain intimation on the floor of the Senate that Mr. Andrew Carnegie was *paying regular advertising rates to get* anti expansion articles, furnished by his agents, inserted in the agricultural papers, marked copies of which are now flooding the mail of Senators. The disposition of the Senators appears to be to regard it as a joke on Carnegie, which has helped the finances of the industrious agricultural editors and had no effect whatever, in Washington. Senator Hoar was at first inclined to defend the purchase of space in new-papers to affect public sentiment, but Senator Chandler compelled him to admit that the purchase of editorial opinion was an act involving moral turpitude.

HON. A. H. GARLAND of Arkansas, who was Attorney-General under Cleveland, dropped dead last Thursday afternoon while addressing the Supreme Court at Washington, D. C., at the age of 66 years.

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THE "BREAKMAN" "BOY."

A fine young fellow was Tom Jeffreys, strong, pleasant and good looking. He was but eighteen when he first began "railroading," but he could set a break with the best. When his clear deep voice announced the stations, people listened and made no mistake. Old ladies caught the gleam of his pleasant eye, and let him help them on and off with grateful surprise. Mothers with more children than they could manage, tired women humble laden, and old men recognized a friend and made use of him. Nor were the railroad officials blind to the young man's helpfulness and popularity, and although Tom did not dream of it, his name was on a list that meant promotion.

The young brakeman's easy-going good nature, however, was a drawback in one direction. He disliked to say, "no." When the train reached Boston he always had two hours to spare. "In that time some one was sure to say, "Come Tom, leis go to the barber's."

Now this sounded innocent enough, but in barber's back room was a green door which opened on a stairway leading down into a drinking saloon. Here the men used to gather a few at a time, to take "a little some thing."

Tom usually said his good natured no that meant a reluctant yes, and ended by going. He never felt wholly at ease when taking his beer. He would not have gone for it alone. Over and over again, he acknowledged to himself that it was the laughter at his chums that took his courage away, and so things went on. A year slipped by and beer had become almost an every day drink with him when one afternoon he was summoned from the "barber shop" to the office.

"Jeffreys," said the superintendent when he entered, "I have been very much pleased with the way in which you duties have been performed on the road in the past, and I find we need another conductor." The gentleman suddenly stopped and the pleasant smile was gone. "Mr Jeffries, your breath tells me that you have been drinking."

"Only a little beer, sir," said poor Tom, flushing crimson.

"I am very sorry," replied the superintendent, "but that will be all to day; you may go."

The young man left the office downcast, disheartened. What he had been wishing for, what he had so nearly gained, had been lost through his own misconduct. As he thought of it the good natured lip took a fierce curve. The next day one of the boys said, "Come on over to the barber shop."

"No," replied Tom.

"O come on, what's struck yer?"

"That barber has shaved me all he ever will," was the reply.

Although Tom's no seemed very determined in its sound, there was yet something wanting in it. He felt it and when after a few days the real longing for a glass of liquor began to make itself felt, it seemed as if the no would be yes in spite of himself.

"No use in lockin' the barn door," said Tom, "the hoss is stole, the 'super' knows you've taken a 'smile' now and then, and he'll never forget it. Better be young while you can."

Tom still said no, but the little negative grew weaker and weaker and the next thing it would be yes. When this was almost accomplished, spurred by his danger, and remembering his early training in the right, he went into an empty car and kneeling on the bare floor, prayed for strength to resist.

"And then," he said, "I learned to speak a 'no' that all the men on the road couldn't turn into a 'yes.'"

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Notice.

THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS OF ADMINistrator, Executors and Guardians, having been settled in the office of the Register of Wills, the same will be presented for confirmation at the Orphan's Court, to be held at Smethport, in and for the County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, on the fourth Monday of February, A. D. 1899.

First and partial account of John F. Parson and Charles C. Ward, executors of the last will and testament of Noah H. Parker, late of Norwich township, deceased.

First and final account of Chauncey W. Gardner, administrator of the estate of Chauncey W. Gardner, Sr., late of Bradford, Pa., deceased.

First and final account of Jennie A. Green, administratrix of the estate of John H. Green, late of Lafayette township, deceased.

The partial account of Thomas Osborne, administrator of the estate of George H. Bleakley, late of Bradford, deceased.

First and final account of J. E. Smith, administrator of the estate of Mathias J. Smith, late of Otto township, deceased.

First and final account of Martha B. Blood, administratrix of the estate of E. R. Blood, late of Kane, deceased.

First and final account of M. J. Gallup, administrator of the estate of A. S. Elliott, late of Mt. Jewett, deceased.

First and final account of John W. Campbell, administrator of the estate of Samson Vanderhark, late of Wetmore township, deceased.

Final account of Chalmers C. Jones, guardian of William T. Griffith, minor child of John T. Griffith, late of Kane, deceased.

Final account of A. Grinnan, deceased, who was the guardian of Edith Adelia; Minnie Vendina; Hazel Emmina, and Maud Rose, minor children of Sarah L. Newland, late of Eldred township, deceased, by Mary Grinnan, executrix of the last will and testament of said A. Grinnan, deceased.

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To amt license collected	3110 00	
To amt transferred from dog		19781 69
Cr.		
By orders paid and cancelled	19781 69	

DOG FUND.

Dr.

To amt due last auditors' report	1162 26	
To amt dog tax collected	1729 50	2891 76
Cr.		
By amt transferred to county fund	1391 26	
By orders paid and cancelled	1500 50	2891 76

BRIDGE BOND FUND.

Dr.

To amt due last auditors' report	1500 71	
To unseated tax collected	621 01	
To seated tax collected	3611 07	5732 79
Cr.		
By orders paid and cancelled	3240 00	
By bonds paid and cancelled	2250 00	
By interest paid on bonds	240 00	
By Treas. com. on $5732.79 at 1½ per cent	74 98	
Balance due fund	2801 81	5732 79

REDEMPTION FUND.

Dr.

To balance due last auditor's report	2265 81	
To redemption, receivd	435 00	2700 81
Cr.		
By redemption orders paid	127 20	

By balance due fund 2573 61

ALIEN TAX FUND.

Dr.

To amt received	320 25	320 25
Cr.		
By Treas. com. on $320.25 at 1½ per cent	10 10	
By balance due fund	310 15	320 25

POOR FUND.

Dr.

To amt due fund last auditors' report	4050 25	
To amt unseated tax and interest collected	1591 50	
To amt seated tax collected	2742 74	
To amt charged Treas. by Co. Com'rs	4108 25	20272 43
Cr.		
By orders paid and cancelled	17022 58	
By Treas. com. on $16,307.89 at 1½ per cent	2351 69	
By balance due fund	2351 89	20272 11

STATEMENT showing the amount of County, State, Bridge Bond, Poor and Dog Tax charged, amount received and balance due from the several districts for the year 1898, subject to commissions and exonerations.

DISTRICTS.	STATE. Amt chgd.	Recd.	Amt due.	COUNTY. Amt chgd.	Recd.	Amt due.	BRIDGE BOND. Amt chgd.	Recd.	Amt due.	POOR. Amt chgd.	Recd.	Amt due.	DOG. Amt chgd.	Recd.	Amt due.
Annin Township	$ 22 30	$ 22 30	$ .00	$ 70 04	$ 62 77	$ 7 27	$ 60 05	$ 52 22	$ 7 83	$ 60 14	$ 49 60	$ 10 54	$ 8 00	$ 8 00	$ .00
Bradford Township	58 02	54 41	3 61	180 76	169 65	11 11	155 53	145 94	9 59	154 91	141 79	13 12	8 00	8 00	.00
Bradford City, 1st W.	230 00	230 00	.00	716 96	672 96	44 00	616 72	578 81	37 91	614 00	562 00	52 00	32 00	32 00	.00
" " 2d "	166 15	166 15	.00	517 71	485 71	32 00	445 36	417 86	27 50	443 43	405 93	37 50	23 00	23 00	.00
" " 3d "	159 15	159 15	.00	496 01	465 51	30 50	426 73	400 43	26 30	424 92	389 12	35 80	22 00	22 00	.00
" " 4th "	289 17	289 17	.00	901 47	845 97	55 50	775 26	727 56	47 70	771 84	706 74	65 10	40 00	40 00	.00
" " 5th "	22 44	22 44	.00	69 96	65 64	4 32	60 16	56 44	3 72	59 88	54 84	5 04	3 00	3 00	.00
" " 6th "	60 44	60 44	.00	188 34	176 76	11 58	162 00	152 00	10 00	161 28	147 72	13 56	8 00	8 00	.00
Ceres Township	79 06	79 06	.00	246 56	231 36	15 20	212 06	199 00	13 06	211 12	193 36	17 76	11 00	11 00	.00
Corydon Township	1 64	1 64	.00	5 12	4 80	32	4 40	4 12	28	4 38	4 01	37	00	00	.00
Eldred "	158 21	158 21	.00	493 37	463 01	30 36	424 42	398 22	26 20	422 58	387 18	35 40	22 00	22 00	.00
Eldred Boro	34 50	34 50	.00	107 64	101 00	6 64	92 60	86 88	5 72	92 20	84 48	7 72	4 00	4 00	.00
Foster Township	219 12	219 12	.00	683 52	641 28	42 24	587 92	551 52	36 40	585 28	536 24	49 04	30 00	30 00	.00
Hamilton "	47 80	40 01	7 79	149 15	125 05	24 10	128 31	107 45	20 86	127 77	104 93	22 84	7 00	7 00	.00
Hamilton "	80 01	80 01	.00	249 55	249 55	.00	214 65	214 65	.00	213 72	213 72	.00	13 00	13 00	.00
Keating "	182 14	182 14	.00	568 14	568 14	.00	488 84	488 84	.00	486 76	486 76	.00	30 00	30 00	.00
Keating "	220 38	220 38	.00	687 38	687 38	.00	591 14	591 14	.00	588 64	588 64	.00	36 00	36 00	.00
Kane, 1st Ward	167 79	120 00	47 79	523 01	374 41	148 60	449 87	321 87	128 00	447 99	320 59	127 40	27 00	19 00	8 00
" 2d "	211 32	211 32	.00	659 24	659 24	.00	566 94	566 94	.00	564 48	564 48	.00	34 00	34 00	.00
" 3d "	150 24	100 00	50 24	468 64	312 00	156 64	403 04	268 28	134 76	401 28	267 12	134 16	24 00	16 00	8 00
Kane, 4th Ward	45 65	45 65	.00	142 37	142 37	.00	122 45	122 45	.00	121 92	121 92	.00	7 00	7 00	.00
Lafayette "	12 18	12 18	.00	37 98	37 98	.00	32 66	32 66	.00	32 52	32 52	.00	2 00	2 00	.00
Lafayette "	78 71	68 00	10 71	245 51	212 00	33 51	211 15	182 35	28 80	210 24	181 68	28 56	13 00	11 00	2 00
Mt. Jewett Boro	62 28	41 21	21 07	194 24	128 52	65 72	167 04	110 52	56 52	166 32	110 08	56 24	10 00	7 00	3 00
Norwich Township	151 23	151 23	.00	471 63	471 63	.00	405 63	405 63	.00	404 04	404 04	.00	25 00	25 00	.00
Otto "	81 50	30 00	51 50	254 16	93 60	160 56	218 56	80 48	138 08	217 68	80 16	137 52	13 50	5 00	8 50
Port Allegany Boro	332 05	332 05	.00	1035 76	1035 76	.00	890 65	890 65	.00	887 20	887 20	.00	55 00	55 00	.00
Smethport Boro	1067	1067	.00	3329 52	3329 52	.00	2862 64	2862 64	.00	2851 60	2851 60	.00	176 00	176 00	.00
Sergeant Township	15 58	15 58	.00	48 62	48 62	.00	41 80	41 80	.00	41 64	41 64	.00	2 58	2 58	.00
Wetmore "	10 28	6 80	3 48	32 08	21 22	10 86	27 58	18 24	9 34	27 48	18 16	9 32	1 70	1 12	58
Totals	3937 63	3560 86	1020 77	14456 71	13702 45	1658 26	12430 64	11817 91	1376 13	11471 70	9461 07	2010 12	2572 00	686 20	1886 80

AMOUNT of seated and unseated taxes collected by Co. Treas. during 1898, due from former years.

DISTRICTS.	STATE. Recd.	COUNTY. Recd.	BRIDGE B. Recd.	POOR. Recd.	DOG. Recd.
Annin Township		$ 329 05	$	$ 314 00	$ 60 05
Bradford	$ 4 50	120 50		112 50	15 00
Bradford City, 1st W.	111 71	1117 72			15 00
" " 2d "	5 25	161 75			15 00
" " 3d "	104 93	1 75			15 00
" " 4th "	17 21	1 75			15 00
" " 5th "	6 94	1 75			15 00
" " 6th "	22 00	1 75			15 00
Ceres Township		1 75			15 00
Corydon "	22 15	1 75		20 75	15 00
Eldred "		1 75		41 25	15 00
" Boro	8 56	1 75		15 00	15 00
Foster Township	67 80	1 75		61 25	15 00
Hamilton "		1 75		15 00	15 00
Hamilton "	1 72	1 75		15 00	15 00
Keating "	24 51	1 75		22 50	15 00
Kane, 1st Wd	45 84	1 75		41 25	15 00
" 2d "	7 35	1 75		15 00	15 00
" 3d "	7 20	1 75		15 00	15 00
" 4th "	14 22	1 75		15 00	15 00
Liberty Township		1 75		15 00	15 00
Lafayette "		1 75		15 00	15 00
Mt. Jewett Boro	60 79	1 75		56 25	15 00
Norwich Township	10 63	1 75		15 00	15 00
Otto "	4 36	1 75		15 00	15 00
Port Allegany Boro	28 60	1 75		26 25	15 00
Smethport "		1 75		15 00	15 00
Sergeant Township		1 75		15 00	15 00
Wetmore "		816 00		297 46	60 28

J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff of McKean county, in account with the said county for the fiscal year ending Jan. 1, 1899.

J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.

Dr.

To fees collected during year	19 00	
To Commonwealth costs collected during year 1898	569 75	
To Quarter sess. Jury fees	18 35	
To Quarter sess. Jury fees not pressed	28 00	
To Common Pleas fees collected	63 00	
To one year's wages turnkey at $40 per month	480 00	
To amt rec'd on acc't	1500 00	
To balance due	626 56	3235 66
Cr.		
By fees due last auditors' report	532 50	
By election proclamation	15 00	
By making report to state Board Public Charities	30 00	
By com. on fines collected $40.00 at 3 per cent	1 20	
By taking prisoners to penitentiary	240 74	
By drawing and summoning jurors	297 20	
By check to T. B. Clark for fines, jury fees and Court costs collected	717 08	
By board of prisoners to date also days 201 2-7 weeks at $3.00 per week	1700 00	3535 34

E. R. SHERMAN, Coroner of McKean county, in account with the said county for the fiscal year ending Jan. 1, 1899.

Dr.

To orders drawn on account	241 21	
Balance due for fees	43 54	284 75
Cr.		
By balance due 1897	94 24	
By inquests, mileage and jury fees	190 51	284 75

W. A. YOUNG, T. F. HUNGERVILLE and LEMUEL DAVIS, Commissioners of McKean county, in account with the said county for the fiscal year ending Jan. 1, 1899.

W. A. YOUNG.

Dr.

To orders drawn on acc't	765 00	
To balance due on 1898	1250 00	2015 00
Cr.		
By balance due 1897	47 50	
By 227 days at Com'r at $3.50	1970 50	2015 00

T. F. HUNGERVILLE.

Dr.

To orders drawn on acc't	765 00	
To balance due on 1898	1250 00	2015 00
Cr.		
By balance due 1897	47 50	
By 227 days at Com'r at $3.50	1970 50	2015 00

LEMUEL DAVIS.

Dr.

To orders drawn on account	316 47	
To balance due on 1898	628 50	944 97
Cr.		
By balance due 1897	52 47	
By 220 days at Com'r at $3.50	1925 50	1977 97

Treasury 1391 26 $14457 18

COUNTY ASSETS.

Amt due county from State Rec'd since	51 87	
Amt due county uncollected taxes for 1898	10822 25	
Amt due county uncollected taxes for 1897	50 56	
Amt due county uncollected taxes for 1896	5 11	
Amt due county uncollected taxes for 1895	1 75	
Amt due county uncollected taxes for 1894	1 75	
Amt due state fund uncollected for 1898	1059 77	
Amt due state funds uncollected for 1897	1 75	
Amt due State funds uncollected for 1896	1 75	
Amt due state funds uncollected for 1897	1197 14	
Amt due for funds uncollected for 1896	1 75	
Amt due for funds uncollected for 1897	1 75	
Amt due for funds uncollected for 1896	314 01	
Amt due county funds from dog funds Kane Borough	556 25	
Amt due county ", State tax	6250 75	
Amt county funds in Treas.	21502 53	
Amt bridge bond funds in treasury	1214 87	
Amt due bridge bond uncollected	2450 12	67500 11

COUNTY LIABILITIES.

Bridge bonds outstanding	2300 00	
Commonwealth costs (estimated)	175 00	
Outstanding indebtedness, sundry items (estimated)	725 00	
State tax	7027 61	
Western Penitentiary	2240 48	
Penna Reform school	262 05	
Assets in excess of liabilities	48358 97	67500 11

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RECEIPTS OF McKEAN COUNTY.

To amt in Treas. Jan. 1st, 1898	11071 08
To amt rec'd liquor license	2110 00
To amt transferred from dog fund	1162 26
To amt fines collected	40 00
To amt rec'd from J. F. Davis, sheriff	667 05
To amt rec'd from various sources by Co. Com'rs, chgd to Treas.	6140 83
To amt unseated tax collected	8420 41
To amt seated tax collected	24449 67
To amt State tax collected	6742 14
To amt bal in Treas. Bridge Bond, Jan. 20, 1898	2450 12
To amt bridge bond tax collected	4 33 25
To amt rec'd from alien tax	233 25

EXPENDITURES OF McKEAN COUNTY.

Paid W. A. Young, Com'r	885 00
" Lemuel Davis, "	916 43
" T. F. Hungerville, Com'r	475 00
" S. D. Weaver, Commissioners' clerk	150 00
Paid assistant Com'rs' clerk	703 26
" T. F. Richmond, solicitor	300 00
Paid Prothonotary fees	850 26
" traveling expenses	223 74
" Turnkey H. Bieber	480 00
" miscellaneous items	10 21
" J. F. Davis, sheriff	1820 63
" State taxes	7295 61
" County Auditors	259 04
" Jury Com'rs and clerk	262 62
" R. G. Bush, janitor	600 00
" Constables' returns	367 84
" Justice fees and discharged transcripts	254 73
Paid court stenographer	900 55
" Court Crier and Tipstaves	750 00
Paid Commonwealth costs	2564 32
" taxes refunded	350 17
" bounty fees	1490 00
" Penn'a Reform School	1713 24
" grand jurors	725 25
" traverse jurors	4516 25
" Assessors for assessing	1253 75
" " registering	2434 97
" election expenses	3486 23
" jail expenses, repairs	98 20
" " physician	90 00
" " merchandise	45 36
" " expenses, plumbing	47 95
" " drugs	10 53
" Western Penitentiary	2435 34
" publishing and printing	1756 61
" road views and damages	2300 00
" freight, express, postage and telegrams	139 24
Paid fuel and lights	850 00
" court house expenses and repairs	260 13
Paid Coroner's inquests	224 24
" indigent soldier's burial expenses	125 00
Paid books and stationery	208 25
" bridge expenses	1818 49
" " land interest	600 00
" " "	2300 00
" water for court house and jail	112 50
Paid E. R. Mayo for auditing Pro. accounts	15 00
Paid E. R. Sherman, attorney for Auditors	5 00
Paid fire wardens	134 00
" attorney	144 00
" Eugene Mullin for assisting Dist. Atty in murder case of Killis Truax	150 00
Paid T. B. Clark, Treas., for land purchased by county	113 54
Paid county school institute	200 00
" outstanding order for 1896	13 00
Paid

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SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, FEB. 3, 1899.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Grip is raging in East Smethport to quite an extent.

—Hazelhurst promises to be the liveliest town in the county.

—A little more gas, please, these cold mornings, Mr. Dunn.

—The latest definition of a "cracker jack" is "biscuit John."

—Mrs. Casper Smith of Farmers Valley has been quite ill with grip.

—Mrs. J. C. Gallup was confined to the house the first of the week with grip.

—Miss Agnes McCoy is confined to the house with rheumatism. Her many friends hope for her speedy recovery.

—The Bradford Glass Company of Hazelhurst ships out forty car loads of glass a month, says the Bradford Star.

—The ground hog held a reception with his shadow yesterday and of course we will have six weeks of sleighing in March.

—Don't forget to read J. Colegrove's advertisement this week and see what he has to offer at his bargain day sale to-morrow.

—The MINER is in receipt of a fine piece of music, The Cotton Pickers' Rag, presented by E. L. Smith of Olean. Its price is 25 cents.

—The friends and relatives of the late Mrs. Cornelius desire to thank all who so kindly assisted during her last illness and at the funeral rites.

—There are many sidewalks in the borough that are sadly in need of repairs. They should be attended to as soon as the weather will permit.

—An opera house or town hall is an absolute necessity in this town and would be a paying investment for anyone. By all means let us have an opera house.

—There is a woman in Paterson, N. J., who recently cut off about an inch and a half of her tongue in order to avoid talking too much. Now she can't utter a word.

—J. W. Bouton does not intend to rebuild a residence at present on the site of the one burned. He will move his family to the house they previously occupied on West King street.

—A handsome silver service was given away at the Grand Central Hotel yesterday, the fortunate recipient of the gift being Miss Marie Cramsie of Coleman street.—Olean Democrat. This must be a former resident of this place.

—Messrs. Foley Bros., Olean, N. Y., have just completed a contract with H. A. Jamieson of Warren, Pa., for the erection of a monument to be placed in the coming spring, which will be the largest in Warren county.—Warren Mirror.

—Mrs. Horace Stark died at her home in Hazelhurst of pneumonia on Saturday afternoon, aged about 65 years. The deceased was well known and highly respected throughout the section in which she lived. The funeral was held on Tuesday.

—T. H. Ryan took a Mrs. Grimm of Mt. Jewett to the Warren asylum on Monday, and brought back from the Keane hospital J. Chapman, 18 years of age, a McKean county charge, who 7 years ago had both legs cut off by a railroad train.

—The following letters remain in the Smethport postoffice for the week ending Jan. 28, 1899: Jerry Dice, Wm Donnelly, James E. Harris, Miss Jeanette McAhon, Mrs. Kate Morrow and Miss Mary Seighrist. Parties calling for these letters please say "advertised."

—The Barker House at Rixford was totally destroyed by fire Wednesday night. The inmates barely escaped and only a small portion of the furnishings were saved. The house was owned by John Grow, who was in Port Allegany at the time of the fire. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

—The following is copied from an exchange: "When a splinter has been driven deeply into the hand it can be extracted by steam. Nearly fill a wide mouthed bottle with very hot water, place the injured part over the mouth and press it slightly. The suction thus produced will draw the flesh down and in a minute or two the steam will extract the splinter and inflammation together."

—The streets of the borough were never so fine as they have been during the present week, being frozen as solid as a rock and smooth as a floor. It was truly a pleasure to ride over them.

—At the Democratic caucus Tuesday night the following ticket was nominated: Council, Chas. McKean, Dan Bacon and C. W. Illgendahl; School Directors, Dr. H. L. McCoy and Carl Sasse; High Constable, "Billy" Black; Constable, Charles Bates; Auditor, A. D. Doyle; Judge of Election, D. L. Forsyth; Inspector of Election, John Hungerford.

—Rev. Dr. Walker announced last Sunday evening that he would deliver a number of lecture sermons on some of the miracles of Jesus beginning next Sunday evening, Feb. 5. Subject in the morning at 10:30: God our Sun and Shield—Christianity an Inspiration and Defence. In the evening, 7:30: The Water and Wine, the first miracle of Jesus.

—Willard McKinstry, the oldest newspaper editor in the State of New York, died at his home in Fredonia last Thursday. The deceased was born in Chicopee, Mass., in 1815, and for over 50 years had been editor of the Fredonia Censor. This is a long time to wear the editorial harness, but he has gone to his final reward where he will not be troubled by the sight of delinquent subscribers.

—An Arkansas printer in making up the forms in a hurry the other day got a marriage notice and a grocer's advertisement mixed up so that it read as follows: "John Brown and Ida Gray were united in the holy sauer kraut by the quart or barrel. Mr. Brown is a well known young codfish at ten cents a pound while the bride, Miss Gray, has some nice pig's feet which will be sold cheaper than at any store in town.

—Ever since last Thursday night the residents of Bradford have been greatly exercised over a loud report heard there which no one has been able to locate or explain. A young typo at the writer's side suggests that it might have been one of Tom Hungerville's Sibley booms that had been overlooked during the last campaign, and like an old war horse scenting the mayoralty fight it got wrought up to such a pitch that an explosion followed.

—The following most excellent ticket was placed in nomination by the Republicans at the caucus last Saturday night: For Councilman, three years, Jas. A. McKean, Jonas Verdon and Chas. Johnson; For School Directors, E. R. Mayo, and John N. Apple; For Constable, H. L. Burlingame; For High Constable, C. O. Anderson; For Judge of Election, H. E. Tull; For Inspector of Election, C. H. Burlingame; For Auditor, R. C. Sasse.

—The MINER wishes to congratulate the juvenile choir of St. Luke's church for the excellent work performed by them last Sunday night. When it is taken into consideration that St. Luke's has one of the finest choirs in the State it is remarkable how well these little tots conducted themselves. 'Tis true their voices are not strong but they went through the lengthy service without a break. In a few years the older choir will find it necessary to watch out for their laurels.

—School Directors throughout the county should be interested in the outcome of the trial of a board of directors in Luzerne county. Charges made against them by tax payers are that they did not enforce the act requiring entrances to the boys and girls' outhouses to be divided by fences; did not have the annual financial statement entered on the minutes nor have it properly printed, and did not visit the school as required by law. It is probable that few school boards in the county have complied with all these requirements.—Ex.

—The editor of the Lewistown Journal is a man discretion. This is one of his items: "A South Portland girl, while making some cute little curlicky bean catchers on the back of her neck, lost the grip on her curling tongs and dropped them down her back inside her clothing. A great deal might be said in regard to the accident, but it really don't seem necessary." If this young lady had only possessed forethought enough to have worn the costume that adorns the person of our young town's lady, who swings Indian clubs in the "wee sma'" hours of the morning, she would have escaped serious pain and loss of trouble.

—A pretty wedding was celebrated yesterday at the Hotel Snyder when Miss Grace Jacobs and James Fitzpatrick of New Castle, Pa., were united in marriage by Justice P. S. Collins. The young people were attended by Miss Mary Walbeise and S. E. Collins of New Castle, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick left on the 5 o'clock train over the W. N. Y. & P. railroad for Smethport, where they will make their future home. The groom is employed in the glass works at that place.—Friday's Olean Times. This accounts for the happy and contented look that has been adorning Jim's face for several days, likewise his mysterious actions. The MINER wishes the happy couple abundant happiness.

—It isn't very long ago since a well known merchant of Franklin was a visitor in this office urging the editor to warn people against going out of town to buy articles of various kinds when they could be gotten practically as cheap at home, thus helping the home business and keeping the money here. It was a very sensible and reasonable request and it was acceded to readily. Our solicitor saw the same merchant last week and was informed that inasmuch as the prices of a Cleveland job printer was a few cents cheaper per thousand on billheads, letterheads, etc., he had decided to give the Cleveland wholesale concern his patronage. The very worst feature of this story is that the quality of the Cleveland goods was not half as fine as our own, neither was the workmanship. There are some of the little things that go to make the newspaper and job printing business monotonous.—Franklin Citizen-Press. Such characters are to be found in every place. They are well pleased to secure free notices in a newspaper, but prefer to have their job work done outside to save a few cents.

—The MINER would respectfully suggest to the honorable board of council and the water company that they get together and devise some method of better fire protection for our borough. Our town has within the last three months passed through three disastrous fires. An inadequate supply of water has been the cry that has gone forth after each fire. There ought to be something done in the matter. The reservoir holds a sufficient supply of water to deluge any fire if properly handled, but there is something wrong somewhere. The fire plugs are not properly taken care of. The water company claims that it is the duty of the council to see that these fire plugs are properly cared for, but in some manner the plugs are left to care for themselves and when a fire occurs there is a scarcity of water. This ought not to continue. The council and the water company can accomplish much to help the condition of our water supply if they work together, but if they remain apart nothing will be accomplished. Now, gentlemen, the MINER respectfully asks you to get together and see if some way cannot be devised to give us better fire protection. Each side pulling in a different direction is comparatively helpless, but if they work together for the benefit of the public much can be gained.

MONDAY NIGHT'S FIRE.

The Large Residence of J. W. Bouton on East King Street Totally Destroyed. Nearly All the Household Goods Were Saved.

About 7:30 Monday evening the gas whistle on the hose house sent forth its dread alarm. The residence of J. W. Bouton on King street was discovered to be on fire and in a short time a large crowd had gathered, anxious to do what they could to stay the destruction of property.

The fire was first discovered by Mr. Bouton in the bath room on the first floor, toward the rear of the building and is thought to have been started in some way by a gas jet. Before any water was secured the flames were bursting through the roof. An effort was made by those first on the scene to extinguish the fire by forming a bucket brigade. The difficulties under which they labored soon stopped them and nothing could be done until a stream from the hose was turned on.

The hose company was promptly on deck, but were almost hopelessly handicapped by the insufficient water supply. The hydrants on King street were found to be useless and only a small stream was obtained by attaching to the plug at the corner of Main and Mechanic street. By the time this stream was reinforced by the Extract pump the wise ones foresaw that the building was doomed.

During this time nearly all the furniture, clothing, etc., in the house had been taken out, although damaged considerably, and the attention of the workers was turned toward saving the adjoining properties. The residence of B. L. Knapp was in great danger as the breeze that was blowing made the sparks fly in that direction in showers. All of the household goods were made ready for immediate removal and willing hands soon carried them to a place of safety. Wet carpets were placed on the side of the house exposed to the flames and the gallant fighters soon had the building out of danger. The residence occupied by John Eastman, also owned by Mr. Bouton, situated on west side of the burned building was saved from destruction by excellent work.

The iron roof on the Bouton building kept the fire down to a great extent and aided greatly the efforts of those who saved the Knapp residence from burning.

The burned building was the largest residence in the borough and was occupied, before being purchased by Mr. Bouton, as a sanitarium by the late Dr. S. D. Freeman for a number of years. It has been on fire twice before, but little damage was done either time.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the untiring work done by the hose company and others. Several instances were observed of zealous helpers fairly risking their lives in the battle with the flames.

Mr. Bouton's house was insured for $2,000 and the furniture for $1,000. Mr. Knapp also sustained a loss incidental to the hurried removal of furniture etc., from the house.

Mr. Bouton takes a philosophical view of his loss and says it might have been far worse. Mrs. Bouton was ill at the time, but we understand suffered little from the excitement.

The inadequate water supply is an old story and has been a painful subject for a number of years, but the time has come when the people of Smethport must register a grand kick for better water service or live in constant dread of fire. The hydrants on King street have been found to be practically worthless as far as getting water from them is concerned, and more costly lessons of the same kind may be learned. The citizens of this town pay a good sum yearly for water for fire protection and should have it. Now is the time to act. Don't wait until several thousand more dollars go up in smoke before anything is done.

Death of C. B. Whitehead.

Charles B. Whitehead at died 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, at his home, No. 11 Delaware avenue. Some time ago Mr. Whitehead contracted la grippe and after an illness of about two weeks improved so he was able to walk about the house, he suffered a relapse, however, and an attack of acute bronchitis, aggravated by hemorrhages that followed, baffled the skill of his physicians and resulted in death. Mr. Whitehead was in his 59th year and is survived by a daughter, Mary and son, Waldo. The children were attending school in Tioga county, but were summoned home last week and were at the bedside of their father when the end came. Mr. Whitehead has been largely identified with the progress of Bradford and was among the most influential men of the city. He was widely known in the oil regions and his death will be sincerely regretted by hosts of friends.

Charles B. Whitehead was born in Lawrenceville, Tioga county, Pa., Jan. 8, 1840. He was a son of Isaac and Sarah Whitehead, former residents of Massachusetts. His father moved to Tioga county in 1830 and remained there until the time of his death in 1848. The subject of this sketch was reared in his native county, where he attended the common schools and subsequently became a student in the high school at Spring Mills, N. Y. In 1860 he went to Titusville, where he was employed by Brewer & Watson, pioneer oil producers of the Oil Creek region. After two years of service in Titusville, Mr. Whitehead went to Oil City and worked there four years for Fisher Bros. He then returned to Tioga county and with his uncle, A. W. Lugg, opened a mercantile establishment at Nelson. In 1870 he sold his interest and started a hotel at Blossburg. The hotel business was not to his taste, however, and after four years in Blossburg, he opened a drug store at Wellsboro. In 1878 he decided to return to the oil country and came to Bradford and engaged in the oil producing business. By the exercise of good judgment and excellent business ability, he soon amassed a comfortable fortune, a portion of which is now invested in Bradford real estate. Mr. Whitehead was a staunch Democrat and served as postmaster during the first presidential term of Grover Cleveland. In 1892 he was elected a member of the select branch of the councils and served three terms before retiring. When Tarport was annexed to the city he was again elected councilman and served one year in the common branch. During his career as a councilman Mr. Whitehead was identified with much local legislation that was of great importance to the city. He always took a deep interest in all matters of public interest and never feared to express his opinion on such questions. He was a frequent contributor to the local press and articles from his pen were always of sufficient importance to attract general interest. Deceased was prominent in Masonic circles.—Wednesday's Era.

La grippe is again epidemic. Every precaution should be taken to avoid it. Its specific cure is One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Shepard, publisher Agricultural Journal and Advertiser, Eldon, Mo., says: "No one will be disappointed in using One Minute Cough Cure for la grippe." Pleasant to take, quick to act. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Notice, Sale.

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OBITUARY

MRS. CHLOTHA CORNELIUS.

Mrs. Chlotha Cornelius died at the residence of Otis Irons in this borough on Saturday last of heart failure, aged 53 years, 3 months and 23 days.

Deceased was born in Massachusetts in 1811 and when 11 years of age moved to Farmers Valley with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Heman Calkins. In 1835 she was united in marriage at Farmers Valley to David E. Cornelius, who departed this life on September 16, 1865.

Mrs. Cornelius leaves to mourn her demise three daughters, Mrs. J. H. Porterfield, Mt. Pleasant, Mich.; Mrs. L. Sloan, Smethport; Mrs. Minard Babcock, Dakota; one son, C. H. Cornelius, Coryville, and one brother, C. D. Calkins of East Smethport, whose 89th birthday occurred last June.

The out of town relatives present were Mr. and Mrs. A. Stull of Lamabee, Mr. John Stull of Coryville, Mrs. Heman Calkins and W. J. Verbiles of Olean, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Provin of Warsaw, Mrs. Hiram Ault, Elmer Ault and C. E. Smith.

The funeral services were held at the house at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Bennett officiating. Interment in Farmers Valley cemetery.

MISS HATTIE BROCKHAM

Miss Hattie Brockham died at the home of her parents in Farmers Valley on Monday, aged 18 years and 6 months.

The cause of death is thought to have been a fall she received while skating on Gifford's pond in this borough, which partially paralyzed her side. Miss Brockham was employed at the Grand Central until some time last week when she went home, but was in town Saturday. Monday morning she was taken ill and at 4 o'clock sank into a slumber from which she never awakened, dying at about 8 o'clock.

Her youthful days of sixteen summers were full of much promise, suggested by her keen ambition and untiring perseverance. May peaceful reflections soothe the dear friends of her whose sun has sunk from sight while in the bright morning of her life.

The funeral was held at Farmers Valley on Wednesday, Rev. Bennett conducting the services.

JUST JOTTINGS.

A Smethport young lady in describing her feelings toward a young man whom she disliked, said: "Every time I speak to him it makes my mouth taste as if I had been eating onions."

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The introduction of a license system in Potter county will mean the extinction of the pig's ears—the most prolific source of news for the papers of that county. However, nearly all the papers have been fighting them for a number of years, which shows what a martyr the average editor will make of himself for what he believes to be for the public good.

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"It is quite natural that those who have 'dough' should compose the 'upper crust' of society," remarked a sad-eyed man in front of the Central Sunday.

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If Aguinaldo could see himself as portrayed by American cartoonists, he would open hostilities with our army at once or commit suicide.

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Words of praise are heard on all sides concerning the excellent work done at the recent fire by the young boys. These little fellows certainly did noble work and saved much property that would otherwise have been destroyed. The boys are rather more careful in the way they handle furniture, crockery, etc., than some of their elder brethren.

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Suggestions for bettering our water facilities for fire protection are in order. A vast improvement over the present system would be a town pump so arranged that a hose could be attached. The borough council should look into this.

Keating Township Nominations.

REPUBLICAN.

Supervisors—Myron Tetwilliger and Frank Fritz.
School Directors—John Bodine and D. L. Haven.
Justices of the Peace—O. T. Chase and Casper Smith.
Constable—D. W. Derby.
Auditors—Will Reed and H. D. Otto.
Town Clerk—Everell Spencer.

DEMOCRAT.

Supervisors—Frank McGill and William Hall.
School Directors—W. S. Acre and W. J. Dibble.
Justices of the Peace—O. S. Greeley and Allen Gwiatt.
Constable—Gardner Callen.
Auditor—V. S. Tyler.
Town Clerk—Jas. McCabe.

The Ravages of Grip.

That modern scourge, the grip, poisons the air with its fatal germs, so that no home is safe from its ravages, but multitudes have founds sure protection against this dangerous malady in Dr King's New Discovery. When you feel a soreness in your bones and muscles, have chills and fever, with sore throat, pain in the back of the head, catarrhal symptoms and a stubborn cough you may know you have the grip, and that you need Dr. King's New Discovery. It will promptly cure the worst cough, heal the inflamed membranes, kill the disease germs and prevent the dreaded after effects of the malady. Price 50cts and $1 00. Money back if not cured. A trial bottle free at A. B. Armstrong & Co.'s drug store.

Notice to Teachers.

The examination for applicants for permanent certificates will be held at Bradford, Friday and Saturday, March 31st and April 1st. Further information and blanks for application can be had by applying to

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Card of Thanks.

J. W. Bouton wishes to thank the hose company, and all others who so bravely assisted, for their efforts to save his property from destruction by fire last Monday night.

Paul Perry of Columbus, Ga., suffered agony for thirty years, and then cured his piles by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It heals injuries and skin diseases like magic. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

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PERSONAL MENTION

[illegible] with friends in town.

W. J. Verbiles of Olean was calling on friends in town Tuesday.

Arch Bartlette of Mansfield was the guest of his cousin, Geo. Hyde, the first of the week.

James McGuire returned home yesterday morning from several days visit in Elk and Forest counties.

E. A. Boyne, D. W. Leach and G. C. Cable of Bradford were transacting business in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Merrill of Geneva arrived in town Wednesday and have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs Henry Hamlin.

Mrs. C. T. Abell, who has been visiting her father, J. C. Cunningham for some time, returned to her home in Campbell, N. Y., on Wednesday.

Editor Hillbridge of Port Allegany was in town last Saturday. He enters all his hopes on Bryan and 16 to 1 regardless of the fact that it is a dead issue.

W. W. Tate and son, Rushmore of Wellsboro were guests at the Grand Central Saturday night. The young man enlisted in the army but the war was over before he reached the enemy's country.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mitchell and Mrs. W. H. Morrison were called to Kennedy, N. Y., last Saturday to attend the funeral of William White of the above place which took place last Monday.

Abe Martin of Jamestown made his regular trip here this week. Mr. Martin possesses the happy faculty of making friends wherever he goes. Business cares do not seem to affect him in the slightest and he is always contented and happy.

M. D. Greer visited the oil metropolis yesterday. Mr. Greer contemplates coming out as a candidate for county commissioner. He is a man of ability and if the Republicans of McKean county should see fit to make him their candidate for that position he would be elected by an increased Republican vote.

Prof. Cobb's for February.

The month of February presents a strange and striking condition of planetary affairs. The planets are all on one side of the heavens, and two planets in each, except one, sign. The first and the fourth week of the month will be composed of "Low Ebb" days and the second and the third week of "High Flood" days; making a fighting combination of extraordinary character which may result in a great surprise even to the oldest inhabitant. The magnetic and the electric currents will be greatly confused and unbalanced and will cause strange electrical phenomena that will interfere with the running of all electrical machines, and cause strange electrical storms and a climatic condition known as the "suicide," or "crime wind," which is indicated by a soft, moist warmth that settles heavily on the earth, and drives people to madness. Just notice the awful crimes that the papers on both continents will record this month.

THE STORM SIGNALS.

The excess of "High Flood" day last month drove the awful storms to the other side of the world, according to our theory given in December forecasts. This month the "Low Ebb" forces are together and have completely surrounded the "High Flood" vital forces, as shown on our storm calendar, and what the result will be we cannot tell, because it is a new position in the play of the planets that has never been presented before, to our knowledge. And, a great deal of rainous matter is passing over the sun, which is a break owners in it any time between the 4th and 12th, the 19th and 24th or the 27th and 28th, will cause awful storms and floods, blizzards and snow blockades. Those living along rivers and streams should keep a careful watch out for the safety of their property, and their families. If a break does not occur then very unhealthy weather will predominate and much sickness will result from the forced condition of rivers and streams—nature's open sewers—which are filled with deadly germs superinduced by the warm sun rays will burst their prison doors and allow them to escape, and an epidemic of fevers and bowel troubles will follow.

MINERAL WORKS.

The first and the last week of this month will be, with the exceptions of the fourth and the twenty-second, composed of "Low Ebb" days and any business transactions performed on any of these days will eventually fail of success. The la grippe malady will continue to spread over Europe and America, and will take on a new combination which may prove more fatal in its character. The shadow of the planet known as the "Black" or "Death Star" will pass over the Roman Empire this month and great sorrow will be almost sure to follow. More earthquake shocks will be felt during the present month, and destructive hurricanes will sweep over land and sea. From the 3rd to the 5th will be danger days for sick people, as the magnetic currents will be very much unbalanced at that time. High gales and sleet storms will do much damage and "flash frost" will go south on a forcible expedition.

VALUABLE INFORMATION.

During the present month every household should brew half a teaspoonful of ground coffee and a small pinch of salt for every other morning at least, for it will drive away many of the disease germs that are accumulating for the purpose of making an attack upon some member of your family.

The March issue will tell when to sow cabbage seeds to insure a good crop and will give other information of great value.

Anyone wishing to know the proper days to prune grape vines, trees, bushes and the like this month, or the days to sow tomato seed to insure a good crop, or when to set hens or start incubators, so as to hatch out strong, healthy "peeps," and other information most valuable may have the same all free, for postage, by addressing the undersigned as follows:

PROF. C. COBB,
Editor Stories and Signs,
Kingston, Pa., U. S. A., Jan. 21st, '99.

Mid-Winter Excursion to Niagara Falls.

On account of the superb ice scenery at Niagara Falls, the W. N. Y. & P. will run a popular low rate excursion to Niagara Falls, Thursday, Feb. 9th. Trains will leave Smethport at 6:20 a. m., arriving at Buffalo 12:50 noon, Niagara Falls 1:55 p. m. Fare for the round trip $2 25. Returning, tickets will be good for passage on all trains from Niagara Falls and Buffalo Feb. 10 and 11. A great ice bridge has been formed at Niagara, between the Falls and Whirlpool Rapids, over which people can cross to the Canadian side in safety. The ice palace is worth seeing. Tickets of admission can be bought on the train at 10 cents each.

Excellent attractions are offered by the Buffalo theatres. Do not miss this opportunity for a mid-winter outing.

Dangers of the Grip.

The greatest danger from la grippe is from its resulting in pneumonia. If reasonable care is used, however, and Chamberlain's Cough Remedy taken, all danger will be avoided. Among the tens of thousands who have used this remedy for la grippe we have yet to learn of a single case having resulted in pneumonia which shows conclusively that this remedy is a certain preventive of that dangerous disease. It will cure la grippe in less time than any other treatment. It is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

ANNIN CREEK.

Charley Clark was over from Shingle House Sunday.

Miss Anna Holcomb visited in Coudersport last week.

C. R. Tubbs has been spending a few days with his parents at Colegrove.

Revival meetings are in progress in the Baptist church conducted by Rev. H. N. Miller from New York State.

There are several victims of the grip in this place.

For La Grippe.

Thomas Whitfield & Co., 310 Wabash av., corner Jackson st., one of Chicago's oldest and most prominent druggists, recommends Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for la grippe, as it not only gives a prompt and complete relief, but also counteracts any tendency of la grippe to result in pneumonia. For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

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[illegible] heart, what will you do in the [illegible]
[illegible] for joy or living, the strength
[illegible] in thoughts of yesterday the light
[illegible] gone."

[illegible] voice, what will you do if the
[illegible] shadowy to-morrow,
[illegible] to-day?"

[illegible] heart, my companion, mine—what
[illegible] to-day—this very hour—to-morrow, for-
[illegible]

[illegible] were happy, for
[illegible]
—St. Paul's.

THE MAD GODS.

[illegible] thoughtless do
[illegible] with me, I wonder!
[illegible] love with you!
—Swinburne.

Percy Charrington was carried home [illegible] with his neck broken one [illegible] afternoon in mid-November, [illegible] last those who stopped to proffer [illegible] the best run of the season.

[illegible] think their heads and remark- [illegible] young men from the grass coun- [illegible] will try to fly the Essex fences [illegible] only expect broken necks as a mat- [illegible] of course. A fence that begins with [illegible] ditch and a soft take off, com- [illegible] with a big built up bank crown- [illegible] by a stout stake bound hazel hedge and is [illegible] by a nine foot drop into a [illegible] like a ready made grave on the [illegible] beyond the place to fly, as any [illegible] could have known and all Essex [illegible] do know.

[illegible] Percy Charrington went home on [illegible] full of him that the startled [illegible] left behind when it set forth on its [illegible] journey from the bottom of [illegible] ditch, and Mrs. Charring- [illegible] five days later, sat in her widow's [illegible] in the lonely library and gazed [illegible] the sodden, gray garden with [illegible] that looked and saw not.

She had been a prisoner and now the [illegible] had fallen, and behold, she was [illegible]!

Two hours before the heavy Essex [illegible] fell dead and solemnly upon her [illegible] coffin; two hours ago she [illegible] her face from the past and faced [illegible] future—the future that five days [illegible] had never existed for her. Where- [illegible] she sat in her library and was [illegible], thankfully glad.

In having been wretched for three [illegible] she was spared the great misery [illegible] she should rightly have felt at her lone- [illegible]. All moments such as these it is [illegible] permitted one to be thankful that all [illegible] do not love their husbands.

Mary Charrington was a small woman, with a slight figure, a pale face a little too long for its width, big gray eyes and a mass of old fashioned nut brown hair. She was four and twenty, and she had never been sincerely happy in the whole of her life.

What are we to cast a stone at her when we realize that she came nearer to happiness on the day of her husband's funeral than ever before?

It is sinful to wish a man dead, sinful to be glad when he dies, but when that man's person has constituted a barrier between oneself and all pleasure in life, if it be sinful to rejoice at that barrier's removing, then sin such rejoicing must be, and there's an end of it!

She had married him three years before for a diversity of reasons, not for the only one. She put all thought of that aside. She said "Yes" to Mr. Charrington because he was young and good looking and loved her and proposed to her, and because she was lonely and poor and tired of all her surroundings and wanted a strong arm between her and the world. Women marry for that last reason much oftener than they have any idea of.

Of course directly she was married she said the man she was to love, and forthwith loved him, and suffered as only those little, pale faced, gray eyed women can, because they have no strength to rise superior to their love, nor pride of passion ever to contemplate cutting the Gordian marriage knot. The man's name was Jack Collingwood, and he was a barrister, who, being a mauvais sujet, ran away and went off to try his luck at the Calcutta bar.

Fate was kind and let him succeed. Fate wanted to keep him away from Mrs. Charrington, and then one day it forgot and let Percy come to irremediable grief out hunting after which, having committed a blunder, it washed its hands of the whole affair and said, "What must be shall be!"

Fate is a fatalist.

She wrote to her lover; she told him she was free. It was not a long letter. But the whole of her life and her love and her hopes of heaven went out to Calcutta between two pages of foreign paper.

The answer came back—the answer she expected and longed and prayed for, and Mary Charrington made her preparations, set her affairs in order and bought her trousseau, walking in a golden world decked with purple and rose and silver—a world all fair to see, that had never before been aught but gray to her.

She sang about the big, empty house; she laughed whenever she caught her own eye in one of the many great mirrors. Once she took off the little white cross cap and threw it into the air. It was very bad taste on her part, but she was so happy that she had got beyond refinement.

So at the end of six months she booked her passage in the Kandahar to go out to him.

She said goodby to all her friends. She smiled vaguely and irritatingly at their slightly stiff congratulations, and their half veiled hints as to the somewhat indecent haste displayed, when Percy's body was hardly cold in the tomb. (Accordingly to circumstances some bodies retain an unnatural warmth for an extraordinary space of time).

They did not care, and that is the spirit of a woman. She loves one man and hates the rest of the world out of the door. The man forgets—the world remembers. That is the worst of a man and of the world.

She had spent four-and-twenty years in shining by the weary wayside watching for happiness to come along the road. And now happiness had hove in sight, in a distant cloud of glory, and she straightaway arose to meet it, with such very much modest delay. What did it matter? She was going away from them all for good.

A week before she sailed she received a letter from Jack Collingwood. It was shorter than the last. It bent about the bush a good deal, but it left no doubt as to its ultimate intention.

When fate makes a mistake, it is apt to be spiteful. It lies low and watches its opportunity—the opportunity for bringing its victim to grief—and then it is itself again.

Fate made Mary's lover unfaithful to her, and the letter was to break it to her as gently as possible that he had married another woman—in haste, it seemed, lest she should come out and stop him—and that there was no necessity for her to go out to Calcutta.

Mary Charrington suffered torture for that one week. At the end of it she hushed facts resolutely in the face and realized that, if she had nowhere to go, she had at the same time no others to stay—nowhere in the world.

And out of the world—her dead husband would be waiting for her. The passage was taken on the Kandahar. That was the detail which proved her salvation. A first class passage to India costs money. It would be a pity to waste it. There again was the woman—practical through the numbness of an appalling calamity, the loss of everything she valued. So the Kandahar sailed at the end of the week, and the name of Mrs. Percy Charrington figured in the passengers' list.

Fate sometimes repents and makes what amends it can. It made honorable amend to her. The third man in her life crossed her path and linked his lines with hers on board the Kandahar on the voyage out. He fell in love with her at once—love that came so soon as to run a neck and neck race with pity.

His name was Edgar Goring, and he was a man of action, not speech, and told her that he loved her and meant to marry her.

She laughed for several minutes more than was decorous or suitable when he told her this, but he understood. Then she grew quieter and gave him the history of the last three years simply and truthfully.

"I am quite without hope, and I don't see there is anything left to me, Mr. Goring," she said. "You are more than good, but I am an old woman. I have got through the best of my life. I cannot marry you feeling as I do."

"Oh, yes, you can," said Edgar Goring.

"Very well," she said, giving in from sheer inability to resist. "You must take the risk, and you have got a very, very bad bargain."

She gave him a limp, nerveless hand and looked into his resolute eyes with a watery little smile.

He kissed the hand, and then he kissed her.

"I take the risk," he said. "I mean to marry you and make you forget. I mean to make you love me."

He did all three things.

And this is a true story, so it will not apologize for its glaring improbabilities.

Her husband is younger and nicer looking and richer than Percy Charrington, more charming and more successful than Jack Collingwood, and she loves him far better and knows it.

A woman is anointed with the oil of gladness above her fellows when fate bestows upon her a full love and a full knowledge of what that love can be to her, bringing her, as it brought Mary Goring, through fire and water into the ultimate haven of a wealthy place.—Sketch.

A Bush Woman.

Close to the wagon we met a bush woman, one of Indowyoka's people, reduced by starvation to the most emaciated and pitiable condition. Her husband had been killed by lions some days before, though she herself had escaped with her life. On her back and shoulders were the marks where the same lion had ripped away great strips of flesh. Long clots of blood had dried on her body; the wounds had not even been washed. I gave her some meat, which she seized upon and at once ate ravenously. The bones were almost through her filthy skin; her little beady eyes set close together under a low, retreating forehead, her flattened nose and large protruding lips concealing what little chin she possessed, gave her a look most uncanny and repellent.

Altogether more like an animal than a human being, she seemed to me the lowest type of womankind that it has ever been my fate to look on. There are numbers of bushmen and their wives who live in this miserable condition, wandering through the veldt with no other means of subsistence than such trash as wild roots and berries. Some of the men have guns and ammunition, and they spend their whole time in shooting. When they kill a buck within reach of water—say ten miles—the whole family congregates on the spot, sits round the body and gorges itself until every scrap of flesh and skin has disappeared.—Blackwood's Magazine.

The First John Jacob Astor.

Although Mr. Astor had led a life mainly devoted to business interests, he found great pleasure in the society of literary men, says Mrs. Julia Ward Howe in The Atlantic. Dr. Cogswell made his home with us for some years after the closing of his famous school, but finally went to reside with Mr. Astor, attracted partly by the latter's promise to endow a public library in the city of New York. This was accomplished after some delay, and the donor was for many years director of the Astor library. He used to relate some humorous anecdotes of excursions which he made with Mr. Astor. In the course of one of these the two gentlemen took supper together at a hotel recently opened. Mr. Astor remarked, "This man will never succeed."

"Why not?" inquired the other.

"Don't you see," replied the financier, "what large lumps of sugar he puts in the sugar bowl?"

Once, as they were walking slowly to a pilot boat which the old gentleman had chartered for a trip down the harbor, Dr. Cogswell said, "Mr. Astor, I have just been calculating that this boat costs you 25 cents a minute." Mr. Astor at once hastened his pace, reluctant to waste so much money.

Resuscitated the Pet Kitten.

A well known East End doctor tells a story of his experimenting days when he was at college. A girl whom he knew and admired had a pet kitten that in frisking around broke one of its hind legs. The fair mistress was in despair and in extremity asked her medical student admirer to try his skill on the pet. He consented and took his father's messenger boy, who was used to the surgery, to apply the anæsthetic. The doctor made the amputation and was sewing up the flap beautifully, when the boy gave a yell and said the cat was dead. It had been chloroformed to death.

The doctor knew that the demise of the pet would kill his hopes with the mistress. He had only one alternative, artificial respiration; and seizing the forepaws he set to work. In ten minutes he saw he was saved, for the kitten began to breathe. It was restored, minus one of its claws, to the girl, who never knew how near it came to being buried in the back garden.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

A Wall Paper Trick.

"An old fellow came along the other day," says a Philadelphia restaurant keeper, "who gave me a pointer I had never dreamed of. He came in and offered to patch up all the bad places in my wall paper and so skillfully that I couldn't find a place after it was done. Well, I hadn't any patching to do, but I let the old chap a quarter and his dinner that he couldn't do what he said. I tore a patch out of the wall paper, and when he was through eating he went to work.

"The first thing he did was to cut a piece of blank wall paper big enough to cover the hole and paste it over. Next he took a brush and painted a ground the same as the other paper. Then, kick me if he didn't take other brushes and colors and paint in the design of the paper. I willingly yielded up a quarter with the dinner and was satisfied when I saw the alacrity and ease with which the fellow did his work."—New York Tribune.

The Women of Belgium.

No one can travel in Belgium without being struck by the extraordinary activity and prominence of the women. Over the doors of shops of all descriptions the name of the owner or owners is frequently followed by "Soeurs" or "Veuve." You find them proprietors of hotels and restaurants. They are often custodians of the churches. They are employed to tow the boats along the canal banks. They cut up the meat in the butchers' shops, and they are even to be noticed shoeing horses at the forge.

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A VICTIM OF TELEPATHY.

His Absurd Delusions Finally Banished by the Hypnotic Remedy.

There came to me late one night a stranger in, wildest despair resolved to commit suicide that night if I could not help him, says Professor Munsterberg in The Atlantic. He had been a physician, but had given up his practice because his brother, on the other side of the ocean, hated him and had him under his telepathic influence, troubling him from over the sea with voices which mocked him and with impulses to foolish actions. He had not slept nor had he eaten anything for several days, and the only chance for life he saw was that a new hypnotic influence might overpower the mystical hypnotic forces.

I soon found the source of his trouble. In treating himself for a wound he had misused cocaine in an absurd way, and the hallucinations of voices were the chief symptom of his cocainism. These products of his poisoned brain had sometimes reference to his brother in Europe, and thus the telepathic system grew in him and permeated his whole life. I hypnotized him, and suggested to him with success to have sleep and food and a smaller dose of cocaine. Then I hypnotized him daily for six weeks. After ten days he gave up cocaine entirely, after three weeks the voices disappeared, and after that the other symptoms faded away. It was not, however, until the end that the telepathic system was exploded.

Even when the voices had gone he for awhile felt his movements controlled over the ocean, and after six weeks, when I had him quite well again, he laughed over his telepathic absurdities, but assured me that if these sensations came again he should be unable, even in full health, to resist the mystical interpretation, so vividly had he felt the distant influences.

VOCAL CULTURE.

The First Step in Keeping the Mouth Shut, Ashley or Awake.

"Proper breathing is so essential in voice production that it must receive first attention, and the first requirement is to keep the mouth shut," writes Katharine E. Junkermann in The Woman's Home Companion.

"Of course no tone can be either strong or pure if the lungs are cramped so that the air cannot find room. In order to increase the size of the lung capacity raise the chest and keep the body well and strongly poised.

"So much harm has been done to voices by allowing the mouth to become the regular air passage that the need of care cannot be too frequently emphasized. Besides the injury done by the unwarmed air entering the lungs the mucous membrane is hardened by the saliva being dried up, and the muscles of the tongue and throat grow stiff and less responsive. It is comparatively easy to control one's breathing when awake, but when asleep the harm goes on. To remedy this involves a slight discomfort, but one can endure it patiently looking to the end. Cut court plaster into little strips about one-fourth of an inch in width and paste several across the lips, placing them up and down, with the lips held naturally. If one is tempted to give up rather than endure the discomfort this method involves, a walk through an ordinary day coach or a night made hideous by the presence of a snorer in a near berth will cause a solemn vow to be taken never to do likewise."

The Magic of Rome.

The story of Rome is a tale of murder and sudden death, varied, changing, never repeated in the same way; there is blood on every threshold; a tragedy lies buried in every church and chapel, and again we ask in vain wherein lies the magic of the city that has fed on terror and grown old in carnage, the charm that draws men to her, the power that holds the magic that enthralls men soul and body, as Lady Yeams cast her spells upon Tannhauser in her mountain of old. Yet none deny it, and as centuries roll on the poets, the men of letters, the musicians, the artists of all ages, have come to her from far countries and have dwelt here while they might, some for long years, some for the few months they could spare, and all of them have left something, a verse, a line, a sketch, a song that breathes the threefold mystery of love, eternity and death.—"Studies From the Chronicles of Rome," by Marion Crawford.

The Spider's Elastic Appetite.

The spider has a tremendous appetite, and his gormandizing defies all human competition. A scientist who carefully noted a spider's consumption of food in 24 hours concluded that if the spider were built proportionately to the human race he would eat at daybreak (approximately) a small alligator, by 7 a. m. a lamb, by 9 a. m. a young camelopard, by 1 o'clock a sheep and would finish up with a lark pie in which there were 120 birds. Yet, in spite of his enormous appetite, a spider has wonderful power of refraining from food, and one has been known to live for ten months when absolutely deprived of food. A beetle lived in a similar state of unrefreshment for three years.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Landscape.

Mrs. Fatpurse—You paint pictures to order, don't you?

Great Artist—Yes, madam.

Mrs. Fatpurse—Well, I want a landscape, with lots of deer and ducks and quail and partridges and pheasants and cattle and sheep and pigs, and so on, you know, and put a lake and an ocean in—fresh and salt water, you know—and be sure to have plenty of fish swimming around, because it's for the dining room.—Boston Globe.

An Insult.

A Caribou (Me.) man lately wandered into a remote hotel that doesn't keep a dictionary, and on coming down in the morning was asked by the landlord how he rested.

"Oh," replied the gentleman, "I suffered nearly all night with insomnia!"

The landlord took offense at this and roared, "I'll bet you $2 there ain't one in my house!"—Exchange.

Unexpected.

The tramp had been very impertinent and dictatorial until the hired man unexpectedly made his appearance and inquired, "Are you lookin fur a scrap?"

His manner changed entirely, and at once he answered, "Yes, sir, that's what I'm lookin fur—a scrap o' cold turkey er cold ham er anything that happens to be handy."—Washington Star.

Can Cubans Govern Themselves.

One of the best known diplomatists recently declared that the Cubans are incapable of governing themselves, and that the United States must maintain its present control indefinitely, or else annex the island. There will be those who will dispute this, but there are none who dispute the well-established fact that Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is capable of controlling the common diseases of the stomach. It is a remedy that is backed by fifty years of success. It is an ideal medicine for constipation; a strength builder for those who are predisposed to lung troubles, and for nervousness it is of wonderful benefit. As an appetiser it is incomparable. Those whose stomachs are out of order should not fail to try a bottle.

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MYSTERIOUS LIGHT AT SEA.

Three Steamers Didn't Understand It, but the Prince of Monaco Knew.

The Prince of Monaco has been known since 1885 as an enthusiastic student of the sea and its various forms of life. He usually spends his summers in the study of oceanographic problems, and his cruises have on some occasions been extended almost to the coasts of America. He delivered a lecture before the Royal Geographical society in London in which he told this incident:

One afternoon, while in the bay of Biscay, he sank the trap in which he collected specimens of sea life. It went to the bottom in over 12,000 feet of water, and as night approached he fastened to the wire attached to it an electric buoy and then stood off a mile or so. It did not happen to occur to him that he was right in the track of steamers plying between northern Europe and the Mediterranean, but he was reminded of the fact later.

As he and his 14 sailors were watching with a good deal of satisfaction the swaying buoy with its brilliant illumination a steamer's lights came into view. It was soon evident that the steamer was curious to know the meaning of the illumination, for she altered her course and made for the light. She knew that no fishing boats came out so far from land and so determined to solve the mystery. Up she came to within a quarter of a mile of the buoy, slowed up for a minute, and then started ahead, perhaps a little disgusted at the incident that had lured her several miles out of her course.

She had hardly got away when a second steamer came into view, and she, too, bore down upon the lighted buoy. The marines on the prince's vessel understood by this time that the illumination was probably believed to be evidence of a disaster. Just as the prince's steamer was moving up to explain matters she was nearly run down by one of the large liners in the oriental trade, which had also left her course to render what assistance she could.

The swell was very heavy, and the prince feared a collision as the three vessels approached the light like moths around a candle. He therefore veered off and the other vessels, after standing by for a few minutes, went on their way and probably never learned the cause of that night's illumination at sea.

But the incident gave the prince a pointer. He carefully refrained thereafter from exhibiting his electric buoy on any of the much traveled ocean routes.—New York Sun.

FOOLED IN A HORSE TRADE.

This Animal Possessed Several Remarkable Traits.

A prominent English landlord was one day riding across a common adjacent to his preserves when he overtook one of his tenants, who was also mounted. After the usual salutations they rode on in silence for some minutes, when the tenant slightly spurred his horse, a balky animal, whereupon it dropped to its knees.

"What's the matter with your horse?" asked his lordship. The embarrassed tenant remarked by way of explanation that his steed always acted that way when there was game to be found.

A moment later, to the tenant's satisfaction and surprise, a frightened hare jumped out of some bushes near by.

This so impressed the landlord that he at once drove a bargain by which he secured the tenant's bewhacked beast in exchange for his own fine mount, perfectly saddled. With much agility the tenant leaped to his new horse, and all went well until they came to a small stream, whereat the landlord's new nag immediately balked. A drive home with the spurs brought it again to its knees.

"Hello, what's up now? There's no game here," said his lordship.

"True, my lord," was the ready reply, "but I forgot to tell you he's as good for fish as he is for game."—San Francisco Argonaut.

The Audience Got Angry.

There was a scene of wild excitement during the last week of May, 1892, at the Gaiety, London, and all owing to the singular behavior of a policeman. Two popular entertainers were on the stage, and one of them asked the audience a little conundrum, "Why is a policeman an utter scoundrel?"

A gentleman in blue who was apparently on duty in the body of the theater at once took offense. He jumped on to the stage and, seizing the offender, attempted to drag him off.

The audience rose in indignation. Men shook their fists and shouted, "What has he done?" One frenzied young lady in the front of the gallery seized a tumbler and would have thrown it at the policeman if her arm had not been arrested.

The policeman then dragged his captive off the stage amid the hisses and shouts of the audience. But anger was speedily changed to laughter when Mr. Policeman reappeared with his victim and stood revealed as one of the Cosmo trio. I never saw an audience so completely taken in.—London Correspondence.

Wanted Something Quicker.

Some few years ago I issued a policy on the life of a man who was far from being a model husband. I called for the premium every week and rarely got it without a grumble from the wife. The last time I called she said:

"I ain't going to pay you any more. There's Mrs. Smith only had her old man in M.'s society three months, and he's dead and she's got the money. I'm going to put my old man in that, so you needn't call again."—Liverpool Mercury.

Dynamite.

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